

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 11, 2015

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

- RWPG Members:**
- Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chair, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chair, Henrietta
 - Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
 - Mr. Jimmy Banks, Iowa Park
 - Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
 - Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah
 - Judge Mark Christopher, Foard County, Crowell
 - Mr. N. E. Deweber, Baylor Water Supply Corporation, Seymour
 - Mr. Mitch Grant, City of Vernon
 - Mr. Dale Hughes, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
 - Mr. Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority, Clarendon
 - Judge Kenneth Liggett, Clay County, Henrietta
 - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Munday
 - Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Nocona
 - Mr. Daniel Nix, City of Wichita Falls
 - Mayor Gayle Simpson, City of Crowell
- RWPG Alternates:**
- Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Springtown
- Consultants and Staff:**
- Mr. Kerry D. Maroney, Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Robert Adams, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin
 - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Ms. Danna Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Henry Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
- Discretionary:**
- Mr. Tom Barnett, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
 - Mr. Robert Mauk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Cliff Moore, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Abilene

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Registered Guests: Mr. Sirni Ale, Texas A & M AgriLife Research, Vernon
Mr. Sam Bounds, City of Lakeside City
Ms. Jennifer Foster, Senator Charles Perry’s Office, Childress
Mayor Jim Henson, City of Lakeside City
Mr. Darell Kennon, City of Vernon
Mr. Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth
Mr. Danny Parker, City of Olney
Mr. Jeff Watts, Wichita County Commissioner, Wichita Falls

Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call and Introductions

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chair of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B (RWPG – B), called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Judge Kenneth Liggett gave the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Ms. Tamela Armstrong and her alternate Mr. Max Vordenbaum, Mr. Monte McMahon and his alternate Mr. John Holley, Mr. Jerry Payne, Dr. Rebecca Dodge and her alternate Dr. Jonathan Price, and Mr. Russell Schreiber. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Review and Approval of Minutes of the January 7, 2015 RWPG – Area B Meeting

Mr. Campbell presented the minutes of the January 7, 2015 Public Meeting to the group for approval. With no comments or discussion, Mr. Brite motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Three: Consider Authorizing the Administrative Agency to Request the Texas Water Development Board to Prepare the Socio-Economic Impact Analysis Based on the Submitted Needs Analysis

Mr. Campbell explained to the group that each planning cycle requires the regional planning groups to request that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) prepare the Socio-Economic Impact Analysis based on the needs submitted for their region. He added that the analysis will be incorporated into the final 2016 *Region B Regional Water Plan*. With no further discussion, Mr. Deweber motioned to authorize the Authority to submit a request to the TWDB to prepare the analysis. Judge Christopher seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Four: Consider Approval of Chapter 1

The members were reminded by Mr. Campbell that Draft Chapter 1 was presented by the consultants at the January meeting and any comments received were forwarded to the consultants for review. He then asked Mr. Maroney to discuss the comments and changes to Chapter 1 with the group.

Item Four: Consider Approval of Chapter 1 (continued)

Mr. Maroney referred to the surface water map on page 1-8, and noted it had been suggested to collect data from the gauging station upstream from Lake Arrowhead on the Little Wichita River versus downstream of Lake Arrowhead. He added that the change is reflected on Streamflow Data Chart-12, on page 1-14. Mr. Maroney also noted the addition of dates to the average monthly streamflow charts on pages 1-9 through 1-11, as well as an updated Region B endangered/threatened species list on page 1-24. Mr. Deweber had also mentioned at the January meeting that Table 1-14 on page 1-26 did not indicate that Baylor County had a Drought Contingency Plan. Mr. Maroney said after further research, Baylor County, Box Community, Nocona and Olney were added to Table 1-14, confirming the existing Drought Contingency Plans and Water Conservation Plans. He said the City of Seymour was also included on Table 1-14 with an existing Drought Contingency Plan. Mr. Maroney opened the floor to questions and comments and Mr. Nix asked that the completion date of the City of Wichita Falls reverse osmosis plant be corrected to September 2008 on page 1-6. Mr. Mesler referred to page 1-26 and informed the members that the City of Sunset is no longer a water provider, it is now a privately owned water system.

With no further comments, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve Chapter 1 with the documented updates. Tracey Mesler motioned to approve Chapter 1, and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Five: Consider Approval of Chapter 2

Mr. Adams took the floor and gave a brief overview of Draft Chapter 2. He stated that Chapter 2 contains two sections, population projections and water demand projections. Mr. Adams reiterated that this data has been presented at previous meetings, and all comments and changes have been addressed, and the TWDB has approved the data. Furthermore, Mr. Adams noted that Appendix A, referenced on page 2-11, which is a detailed data breakdown of all demands, will be provided in the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve Chapter 2. Judge Liggett motioned to approve the chapter, and Wilson Scaling seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote **16 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Six: Consider Approval of Chapter 3

Ms. Kiel was unable to attend today's meeting, so Mr. Maroney discussed some additional data that will be included in Chapter 3. He reminded the group that Ms. Kiel presented Draft Chapter 3, which is an evaluation of all current water supplies, at the January meeting and no comments were received. He directed the members to page 3-20, Section 3.3 Wastewater Reuse Supplies, and said there will be a section added for a new City of Wichita Falls project that will supply reuse water to PPG Industries for manufacturing purposes. Additionally, Iowa Park has a similar project where wastewater will be treated and utilized by Cryovac Sealed Air Corporation. Mr. Maroney said these projects will be included in the evaluation of current supplies and added to Chapter 5 as strategies. Mr. Nix mentioned that the City of Wichita Falls' indirect reuse project is scheduled to go online 2016-2017, and Mr. Maroney replied that additional verbiage on the project will be added to Chapter 3. With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell moved for a motion to approve Chapter 3 with the presented updates. Mayor Gayle Simpson motioned to approve Chapter 3, and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Seven: Consider Approval of Chapter 4

Draft Chapter 4, Identification of Water Needs, was also presented for approval by Mr. Maroney. He noted there were no comments received following Ms. Kiel's presentation at the January meeting and proceeded to provide a recap of the data in Chapter 4. Mr. Maroney reminded the group that a total of 36 water user groups (WUGs) were identified with needs, and Chapter 5 will need to address those needs with strategies. He said the only modifications to Chapter 4 resulted from updating some of the Wichita Falls WUG's contracts, which reduced some of Wichita Falls' shortages, as shown on page 4-8 Table 4-11. There was no further discussion, and Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve Chapter 4 with the discussed adjustment. Mr. McGuire motioned to approve Chapter 4, and Mr. Brite seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **16 For and 0 Against**.

Item Eight: Presentation of Draft Chapter 7

Mr. Campbell gave the floor to Mr. Adams to give the initial presentation on Draft Chapter 7. Mr. Adams informed the group that the chapter was a working draft, and it was near completion. He added that the current drought has prompted the TWDB to require a more in depth look at drought management and this chapter addresses the requirements found in the Texas Administrative Code Chapter §357.42.

Mr. Adams reviewed the four definitions of drought as defined by the *State Drought Preparedness Plan* and also noted that precipitation records for Wichita Falls were used in Figure 7.1, because it represented the drought conditions for the Region B area more accurately. As Mr. Adams moved on to review Table 7.1 "Current Droughts of Record for Water Supply Reservoirs", he explained that when the hydrology is extended for Lake Amon Carter to include current data, the drought of record should become the current drought period. He also pointed out that Figure 7.2 "Composite Drought Monitor Index" indicated that fifty percent of Region B is in extreme drought, and Figures 7.3 and 7.4 "Palmer Hydrological Drought Indexes" for the region compared the current drought of record to the Texas drought of the 1950's. Mr. Adams discussed the total reservoir storage in Region B and how the current drought has impacted the available water supply. He continued his overview with Item 7.2.3 "Summary of Current Drought Triggers", and noted that each surface water source in Region B and the managing entities had been listed with a breakdown of their Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) triggers, including Greenbelt Reservoir, which had not been listed in previous plans. Mr. Mesler informed Mr. Adams that Lake Nocona maintained a DCP, therefore it should also be included in the current list. Mr. Maroney asked that a copy of Lake Nocona's DCP be provided. Mr. Adams informed the group that all public water systems are now required to have a DCP, but only those systems with 3,300 or more connections are required to submit them to the RWPG's. He stated that Table 7.2 lists all the regulated entities in Region B and displays which entities have submitted their DCPs to Region B. Mr. Campbell questioned why Guthrie School was listed as a water provider on Table 7.2, and Mr. Adams replied that he had obtained his data from TCEQ, but he would research it further. He continued his discussion of DCPs with Table 7.3 "Drought Trigger Conditions and Strategies Documented in Drought Contingency Plans", which not only identifies stages and triggers, but includes water use reduction goals by stage. Mr. Adams went on to Section 7.3 "Existing and Potential Emergency Interconnects". He stated that Table 7.5 lists' existing interconnects for Region B Public Water Systems based on TCEQ's Water Utility Database, but additional emergency interconnects may exist and could also include

Item Eight: Presentation of Draft Chapter 7 (continued)

groundwater and direct potable reuse. Mr. Adams concluded his review of Chapter 7 stating that Table 7.6 “Potential Emergency Interconnects Among Region B WUGs” needs to be updated by investigating the potential for obtaining potable water through emergency interconnects with neighboring water systems. Mr. Barnett asked when Table 7.6 would be completed, and Mr. Campbell responded that the Technical Advisory Committee will meet to review potential emergency interconnect recommendations from the consultants when received. Mr. Adams added that the Region B area has limited opportunities for available interconnects and most are already being utilized.

Following the review of Chapter 7, there were some comments presented to the consultant team. Mr. Scaling pointed out an error on Table 7.5 page 7-21, he stated that the City of Bowie is not an emergency interconnect for Windthorst Water Supply Corporation (WSC). Mr. Nix added that Windthorst WSC was working to interconnect with the City of Scotland. Mr. Deweber informed the consultants that Baylor WSC was using Miller Creek as an interconnect and should be included on Table 7.5. Mr. Campbell referred to Table 7.3 page 7-18 and inquired why the Red River Authority water systems showed “no goal” in the stage four water use reduction column. Mr. Adams said it represented “no change in goal” from stage three, but he would change it to indicate a percentage goal of water use reduction. Mr. Nix noted a needed change on Table 7.3 page 7-16, the number of stages for the City of Wichita Falls should be 5 instead of 4.

With no further discussion, the group agreed to set a deadline of March 18, 2015 for accepting comments on Chapter 7 to allow Mr. Adams some time to make any necessary updates prior to the next RWPG-B meeting.

Item Nine: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Barnett to provide an update on current activities within the TWDB. Mr. Barnett informed the group that the HB4 Stakeholder Committee met in Austin on January 13, 2015, to consider recommended changes to the scoring process for the prioritization of projects. He stated that the committee chose to not make any changes at this time. Mr. Campbell added that the overall consensus was to observe how the scoring from the regions influences the TWDB scoring, before making any changes to the process. Mr. Barnett reminded the group that the deadline for State Water Implementation Funds for Texas (SWIFT) applications was February 3, 2015 and the TWDB received 48 applications for the \$5.5 million dollars available this year. Additionally, he said the TWDB hopes to commit \$800 million dollars per year for the next ten years to SWIFT for qualifying projects. Mr. Barnett concluded his update noting that the Red River Authority, the administrative agency for the Region B Group, is currently working to complete and submit the application for the 5th cycle of planning funds.

Item Ten: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group

Mr. Campbell opened the floor to public input and comments. Mr. Grant commented that as the Seymour Aquifer water table continues to drop, obtaining alternate water resources for the areas dependent on the aquifer will need to be addressed in the Region B plan. Mr. Mesler inquired about further development on the Red River, and the group’s discussion indicated there were no

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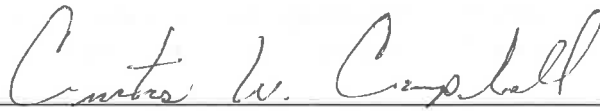
new developments. Mr. McGuire mentioned an off channel reservoir project in Brazos Region G, and there was some discussion on off channel permitting. The group was encouraged to visit the Brazos Region G website for additional information.

Item Eleven: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Mr. Campbell announced that March 25, 2015 had tentatively been scheduled for the next RWPG-B meeting to discuss Draft Chapter 5 and possibly approve Draft Chapter 7 of the IPP. Additionally, April 22, 2015, is the tentative date set to meet and approve the IPP prior to the submittal deadline of May 1, 2015.

Item Twelve: Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Deweber entered a motion to adjourn and Mr. Scaling seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Curtis W. Campbell, Chair



Dean Myers, Secretary